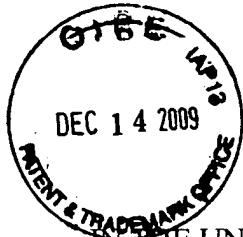


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Sir:

Responsive to the August 14, 2009 non-final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: